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In re

Patent Application of

Paul Sun, et. al.

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"ALFALFA HYBRIDS HAVING AT LEAST 75%  
HYBRIDITY"

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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the matter of the above-noted application, and in response to the non-final Office Action mailed March 15, 2002 and an Office Communication mailed January 28, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment, reconsideration on the merits of the application, and allowance of the claims. The response includes a marked up version of the amendment showing clearly the changes. The response is accompanied by a Declaration of Dr. Paul Sun under 37 C.F.R. 1.132.

**AMENDMENT**

In the specification:

On page 2, lines 6-21, please replace the second through fourth paragraphs with the following:

In one aspect, the present invention provides a *Medicago sativa* hybrid seed or cultivated alfalfa seed designated DS9705Hyb ((A833 x B209) x (Thor, DS9761 and C580)),